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- 1) Transmittal letter, in duplicate; Authorisation (Form PTO-1390) to collect US \$ 470.=;
- 2) Assignment to CALIBE S.R.L. + Deposit Account Order for the Assignment fee in the amount of US \$ 40.=;
- 3) Small entity verified Statement;
- 4) Specification and claims with combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, duly signed on June 25, 2001 and attached thereto for the above Patent Application;
- 5) Six formal drawings accompanying the specification;
- 6) Preliminary Amendment with new claims 20 to 38 and new abstract of the disclosure;

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- 7) Notification of the International Application number and of the International filing date + Request;
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The priority date of the Italian Patent Application N. TV99A000127 of November 18, 1999 is respectfully claimed. The Certified Copy was submitted at WIPO on December 27, 2000. Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof.

Will you please collect immediately the credit specified in the deposit account order, so as to allow the Application to receive an earliest filing date, however within:

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Thanking you in advance,

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